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## Field Crops

Cotton bolls have opened on 97 percent of the cotton acreage, 5 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average and 4 points ahead of last year. Cotton harvesting continued along the Colorado River areas. Ninety-six percent of the cotton crop was rated in fair to excellent condition depending on location. Alfalfa conditions were mostly fair to excellent. Harvesting occurred on three-fourths of the alfalfa acreage across the State.

## Range and Pasture

Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes and honeydew last week.

Ranchers reporting favorable monsoon season this year. Rangeland will be less productive as weather cools, but soil moisture and tank levels appear to be adequate in many areas. Rangeland conditions vary from very poor to good, depending on location.

### Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	0	3	25	45	27
Range and Pasture	28	19	27	20	6
Cotton	0	4	24	46	26

### Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	<i>- Percent -</i>			
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	97	90	93	92
• Harvested	20	15	19	19

### Weather Summary

Temperatures were above average across the State for the week ending September 30, ranging from 1 degree above normal at Coolidge and Parker to 8 degrees above normal at Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 107 degrees at Roll and Yuma. The lowest reading was 33 degrees at the Grand Canyon.

Precipitation was not received at any of the 21 weather stations this week. Twelve of the 21 weather stations have received less than 75 percent of normal precipitation so far this year. Only six (Coolidge, Maricopa, Paloma, Roll, Safford, and Yuma) have received above normal precipitation to date.

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<b>Temperature and Precipitation Data</b>								
<b>September 24, 2012 - September 30, 2012</b>								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	78	2	100	57	0.00	3.82	-3.65	51
Buckeye	82	2	101	64	0.00	3.22	-2.16	60
Canyon De Chelly	63	2	82	41	0.00	3.81	-3.22	54
Coolidge	78	1	101	56	0.00	5.40	0.10	102
Douglas	73	4	93	53	0.00	7.28	-3.45	68
Flagstaff	56	3	77	35	0.00	10.76	-6.14	64
Grand Canyon	56	6	78	33	0.00	7.88	-7.33	52
Kingman	74	4	94	54	0.00	6.83	-0.58	92
Maricopa	82	4	101	63	0.00	5.33	0.16	103
Paloma	81	2	103	60	0.00	4.83	0.03	101
Parker	81	1	103	58	0.00	1.85	-1.17	61
Payson	65	2	85	45	0.00	9.93	-6.38	61
Phoenix	88	7	103	75	0.00	3.36	-2.02	62
Prescott	68	8	86	49	0.00	8.78	-6.60	57
Roll	83	2	107	61	0.00	2.29	0.10	105
Safford	74	3	97	53	0.00	7.99	0.79	111
St. Johns	66	5	84	46	0.00	6.53	-2.43	73
Tucson	82	5	101	66	0.00	6.70	-2.55	72
Willcox	70	3	96	45	0.00	8.29	-1.61	84
Winslow	68	6	89	48	0.00	4.71	-1.22	79
Yuma	89	7	107	74	0.00	2.38	0.19	109
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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